

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, September 13, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1421. A bill to direct the Federal Aviation Administration to re-implement the sky marshal program within 30 days; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Hutchison

Pages S 9395, S 9396-7

S. 1422. A bill to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Clinton

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Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations: *By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 279), Senate passed H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:*

Pages S 9354-9, S 9361-88, D 892

See Pages S 9380-1: The National Institute Of Justice National Centers For Law Enforcement And Corrections Technology.

"...The fiscal year 2002 State, Justice, Commerce bill fully funds the President's request for the National Institute of Justice. I commend the chairman and ranking member of the subcommittee for providing full funding..." (Stevens, page S 9380)

See Pages S 9397-9405: Amendments Proposed And Submitted to H.R. 2500.

SA 1551. *Mr. DeWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:*

On page 75, insert between lines 11 and 12 the following:

*Sec. _____. (a) Section 203(c) of the **Judicial Improvement Act of 1990** (28 U.S.C. 133 note) is amended--*

(1) in the first sentence following paragraph (12), by striking "and the eastern district of Pennsylvania"

and inserting , "the eastern district of Pennsylvania, and the northern district of Ohio;" and

(2) by inserting after the third sentence following paragraph (12) "The first vacancy in the office of district judge in the northern district of Ohio occurring 15 years or more after the confirmation date of the judge named to fill the temporary judgeship created under this subsection shall not be filled."

(b) The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the earlier of--

(1) the date of enactment of this Act; or

(2) November 15, 2001.

Measures Passed (Cont'd.):

Adopted:

Hollings/Gregg Amendment No. 1558, to make certain improvements to the bill.

Pages S 9365, D 892

Hollings/Gregg Amendment No. 1559, relating to payments of claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, to make available funds for the Immigration Services and Infrastructure Improvements Account, to provide a set aside for the Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE) Project, and to provide for the extension of the date for the initial public offering of securities for the successor of Inmarsat.

Pages S 9367, D 892

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

Pages S 9372, D 892

Hatch (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1562, to enhance the capability of the United States to deter, prevent, and thwart domestic and international acts of terrorism against United States nationals and interests.

Pages S 9372-8, D 892

"... One of the most effective investigative tools at the disposal of law enforcement agencies is the ability to go to a Federal judge and get wiretapping authority. It is critical in matters such as this. That is the ability to intercept oral or electronic conversations involving the subject of a criminal investigation. The legislative scheme that provides this authority, and at the same time protects the individual liberties of American citizens to be secure against unwarranted government surveillance, is referred to in the criminal code as Title III. [] Inexplicably, however, the Federal terrorism statutes are not currently included in Title III. I have been complaining about this for a long time and this is the time to correct it. Let me repeat that. Title III currently allows interceptions of communications in connection with the investigation of such crimes as mail fraud, wire fraud, and the interstate transportation of stolen property--important issues..." (Hatch, page S 9372)

Withdrawn:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1542, to increase funds for the trade enforcement and trade compliance activities of the International Trade Administration and to reduce funds for TV Marti.

Pages S 9354, S 9359, D 892

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hollings, Inouye, Mikulski, Leahy, Kohl, Murray, Reed, Byrd, Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Campbell, and Cochran.

Pages S 9387, D 892

Public Safety Benefits: Senate passed H.R. 2882, to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct or proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Pages S 9409-10, D 893

Display of American Flag: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 225, expressing the sense of the Congress that, as a symbol of solidarity following the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, every United States citizen is encouraged to display the flag of the United States.

Pages S 9410, D 893

Committee Meetings:

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items: **S. 952**, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed

by States or their political subdivisions; **S. 928**, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to require, as a condition of receipt or use of Federal financial assistance, that States waive immunity to suit for certain violations of that Act, and to affirm the availability of certain suits for injunctive relief to ensure compliance with that Act.

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Committee on the Judiciary: *Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael G. Heavican, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, Paul J. McNulty, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Colm F. Connolly, to be United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, Roscoe Conklin Howard, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Michael J. Sullivan, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, Stephen Beville Pence, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Thomas B. Heffelfinger, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, Patrick Leo Meehan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Mary Beth Buchanan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Peter W. Hall, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont.*

Committee on the Judiciary: *Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Barrington D. Parker, Jr., of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Michael P. Mills, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, and John W. Gillis, of California, to be Director of the Office of Victims of Crime, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.*

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Remark:

Growing Problem Of Piracy At Sea.

Akaka

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2882. A bill to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary; *considered and passed.*

Nadler

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H.R. 2884. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Ways and Means. *considered and passed.*

Thomas

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H. Con. Res. 225. Display of the American Flag:

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 225, expressing the sense of the Congress that as a symbol of solidarity following the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, every United States citizen is encouraged to display the flag of the United States.

Pages H 5595-8, D 894

Earlier, agreed to consider the concurrent resolution pursuant to a unanimous consent order.

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H.R. 2882. Expedited Payment of Benefits to Public Safety Officers:

The House passed H.R. 2882, to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 by a ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 339.

Pages H 5598-H 5605, D 894

Earlier, agreed to consider the bill pursuant to a unanimous consent order.

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H.R. 2884. Victims of Terrorism Relief Act of 2001:

The House passed H.R. 2884, to amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001 by a ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 340.

Pages H 5605-12, D 894

Earlier, agreed to consider the bill pursuant to a unanimous consent order.

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Next SENATE MEETING: Friday, 9:00 a.m., September 14, 2001.

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OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich